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1. Dzhulfa
5 September

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa and Nakhichevan: Two passenger trains; two freight trains composed of 46 boxcars, four tank cars, and 49 gondolas of which ten carried lumber and 39 were empty.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Ordubad: Two trains composed of three boxcars and twelve gondolas; two trains at night.

Westbound road traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa and Nakhichevan: Two autos; twelve trucks carrying 36 soldiers.

Eastbound road traffic, Dzhulfa to Ordubad: Three autos; three jeeps; one motorcycle; 15 trucks carrying 94 soldiers.

Soviet exchange train No. 6072 composed of a car loaded with 2,460 kg of glass arrived in Iranian Dzhulfa. This train returned to Soviet Dzhulfa on the same day, composed of 15 carloads of tobacco weighing 119,691 kg..

Three hundred Soviet soldiers conducted exercises with 75 mm guns north of Dzhulfa.

7 September

8 September

Soviet exchange train No. 6072 composed of 15 empty cars and one car carrying 2,460 kg of glass arrived in Iranian Dzhulfa. The train returned empty to Soviet Dzhulfa on the same day.

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2. Astara
5 September

Southbound road traffic, Lenkoran to Astara:
Thirteen trucks carrying sawdust, timber, and lime;
eight carts carrying barbed wire; 14 civilians;
one jeep carrying two officers.

Northbound road traffic, Astara to Lenkoran:
Nine trucks carrying empty barrels; ten carts
carrying wood and six desks.

Westbound road traffic, Astara to Masjed Mahalleh:
Six trucks carrying flour and lime; five carts
carrying wooden cases and barbed wire.

Eastbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to Astara:
Four trucks carrying firewood and two desks; six
officers on motorcycles; two jeeps carrying three
officers.

East and westbound road traffic between Masjed
Mahalleh and the last post west: Five trucks carry-
ing 48 armed soldiers; 11 carts carrying wooden
cases, firewood, and barbed wire; 16 armed soldiers
on foot; 16 armed soldiers on horseback; four autos
carrying six officers.

One hundred twenty armed soldiers engaged in barrier
construction 200 m from Baghsirous (not located).

night

Soviet searchlights between Lenkoran and Astara
scanned the sea; six white rockets were fired.

Fifteen fishing boats were observed off Soviet Astara.

3. Pahlevi
5-7 September

The Soviet ship Kabarotka carrying a crew of 20 men
and a cargo of tobacco and raisins departed for the
Soviet Union.

The Soviet ship Kulturnia carrying a crew of eight
men and a cargo of 13,020 kg of fish arrived at
Hassan Kiadeh (37-23N, 50-10E).

The Soviet ship Shalika carrying a crew of 14 men,
four passengers, a cargo of 716 kg of miscellaneous
load, and hauling apparatus arrived from Bandar Shah.

The Soviet ship Chelzenkovski (sic) arrived from
Now Shahr carrying a crew of nine men and no cargo.

4. Lutfabad
4 September

Westbound rail traffic, Kaakha to Ashkhabad: Three
trains composed of 37 boxcars, five carloads of rails,
and 17 passenger cars; one train at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Ashkhabad to Kaakha: Five
trains composed of 113 boxcars, 70 tank cars, and
24 cars each carrying a Ford auto; one train at night.

5 September

Westbound rail traffic, Kaakha to Ashkhabad: Three
trains composed of 34 boxcars and 41 tank cars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Ashkhabad to Kaakha: Three
trains composed of 46 boxcars, two gondolas carrying
wood, 30 passenger cars, and three tank cars; one train
at night.

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